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13	TOSHIHIRO TAKAHASHI,) CIVIL ACTION NO. <u>CV 03-0020</u>	
14	Plaintiff,) MOTION AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF GRANTING JURORS	
15		REQUEST FOR A CALCULATOR	
16	MAEDA PACIFIC CORPORATION, Defendant.	Time: (θ^*30)	
17	Defendant.	Date: 06/20/2006	
18		Judge: Honorable Alex R. Munson	
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21	COMES NOW, Plaintiff Toshihiro Takahashi, through his attorneys, James Livingstone		
22	and Victorino DLG. Torres, and hereby requests that this Court provides the Juror's request for		
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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I. IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COURT TO GRANT THE JUROR'S REQUEST FOR A CALCULATOR.

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Our research did not reveal any Court decision in finding that it was improper for the jurors to use a calculator during deliberations. In fact, all our research indicates that providing a calculator is not only appropriate but speeds jury deliberation and accuracy in their findings.

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for the jury to be furnished with adding machine. Imperial Meat Co. v. U.S., 316 F.2d 435, 439

For instance, the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has determined that it is proper

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(C.A.Colo. 1963), Cert. Denied, 375 U.S. 820, 84 S.Ct. 57, 11 L.Ed.2d 54 (1963). In Imperial

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Meat Co., the jury asked for and was furnished an adding machine after they retired to deliberate.

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The Appellants cite this as error. With little need for discussion, the Court held that

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This was, however, only a machine which accomplished the same result that the jury would have with pens and pencils which it can be safely assumed they had in their possession. This was not a device with which they could perform a test or experiment nor to

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create something in the nature of evidence. Taylor v. Reo Motors, Inc., 275 F.2d 699 (10th Cir.), Anno. 80 A.L.R. 108. We find no error as to this matter.

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18 Id; See also, Malarkey v. Texaco, Inc., 794 F. Supp. 1237, 1242 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (The jury's

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request for a calculator which was provided showed it was thoughtful in damage calculation;

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Similarly, in State v. Lihosit 131 N.M. 426, 428, 38 P.3d 194, 196 (N.M.App.,2002) the

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Court allowed the jury to receive a calculator use of. The Court in Lihosit held that

"this jury did not simply pluck a number from the air.").

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A calculator is nothing more than a machine used to do mathematical calculations quickly and accurately.... We believe the same holds true for a calculator. It was not a device that allowed the jury to perform tests or experiments or create evidence that was not already before them. It was nothing more than a modern substitute for pencil and paper, making calculations from the numbers input.

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convictions. {18} IT IS SO ORDERED.

WE CONCUR: LYNN PICKARD, Judge, and CELIA FOY CASTILLO, Judge. N.M.App.,2002.
State v. Lihosit
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United States Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit. IMPERIAL MEAT COMPANY, a corporation, Appellant,

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UNITED STATES of America, Appellee. Mathew Herbert LANDERS, Appellant,

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UNITED STATES of America, Appellee. Fred James BETHLEY, Appellant,

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UNITED STATES of America, Appellee.

Nos. 7119-7121.

April 22, 1963.

Rehearing Denied May 13, 1963.

Prosecution of corporation and defendant employee and officer for making false claims to supply agency of the United States Department of the Army. The United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Hatfield Chilson, J., entered a judgment of conviction and the defendants appealed. The Court of Appeals, Seth, Circuit Judge, held that the evidence sustained the convictions, and the Trial Court properly refused to strike testimony of witness who used records during testimony after it had determined that records not introduced in evidence were used to refresh witness' recollection. Affirmed.

West Headnotes



[1] KeyCite Notes

- 110 Criminal Law
 - 110XX Trial
 - □ 110XX(D) Procedures for Excluding Evidence
 - 110k696 Motion to Strike Out
 - =110k696(1) k. In General. Most Cited Cases

It was incumbent upon trial judge to satisfy himself as to whether witness, testifying in prosecution of defendants for making false claims to supply agency of United States Department of the Army, was using reports made by witness to his superiors only to refresh his recollection, when defendants moved to strike testimony made with aid of reports. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287.



[2] KeyCite Notes

- 110 Criminal Law
 - ≈110XX Trial
 - 110XX(D) Procedures for Excluding Evidence
 - □110k696 Motion to Strike Out
 - == 110k696(1) k. In General. Most Cited Cases

Refusal to strike testimony of witness, who used reports not offered in evidence, made to superior officers during testimony in prosecution of defendants for making false claims to supply agency of United States Department of the Army, was proper after trial judge had satisfied himself that reports were being used only to refresh witness' recollection. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287.



[3] KeyCite Notes

- ₹ 110 Criminal Law
 - 5 110XX Trial
 - 110XX(D) Procedures for Excluding Evidence
 - = 110k696 Motion to Strike Out
 - 110k696(5) k. Necessity of Previous Objection. Most Cited Cases

Defendants could not object to overruling of their motion to strike testimony of witness who had used reports made to his superiors during his testimony when defendants had failed to make proper objection to use of the reports.



[4] KeyCite Notes

- <u>110</u> Criminal Law
 - **110XVII** Evidence
 - 110XVII(P) Documentary Evidence
 - 110k431 Private Writings and Publications
 - 110k436 Registers and Records
 - 110k436(1) k. In General. Most Cited Cases

(Formerly 110k436)

Admission of records of corporation which had supplied meat to defendant corporation which was being prosecuted, along with officer and employee, for making false claims to supply agency of United States Department of the Army and admission of subpoenaed records of defendant corporation to show purchases of beef, all for purpose of showing that defendant corporation had not purchased enough choice meat to fulfill government contracts and consequently must have used some inferior grade meat was not error. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287; 28 U.S.C.A. § 1732.



[5] KeyCite Notes

- 110 Criminal Law
 - 110XVII Evidence
 - ≈ 110XVII(D) Facts in Issue and Relevance
 - 110k361 Matters Explanatory of Facts in Evidence or of Inferences Therefrom 110k361(1) k. In General. Most Cited Cases

Details shown on invoices and records of sales of meat by supplier to defendant corporation, being prosecuted for making false claims to supply agency of United States Department of the Army, were subject to explanation, and after admission of such documents defendants were entitled to present such explanations in their defense. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287; 28 U.S.C.A. § 1732.



[6] KeyCite Notes

- 110 Criminal Law
 - □ 110XX Trial
 - □ 110XX(J) Issues Relating to Jury Trial
 - 110k858 Taking Papers or Articles to Jury Room
 - 110k858(1) k. In General. Most Cited Cases

Furnishing adding machine to jury after their request was not error as machine only accomplished same result that jury could have obtained with pens and pencils, and machine was not a device with which they could perform a test or experiment to create something in nature of evidence.



[7] KeyCite Notes

- 410 Witnesses
 - 410III Examination
 - <u>410III(D)</u> Privilege of Witness
 - 410k298 k. Privilege as to Production of Documents. Most Cited Cases

Serving of subpoena on defendant corporate officer, who along with corporation and another employee were being prosecuted for making false claims to supply agency of United States Department of the Army, requiring production of corporate records did not require defendant to incriminate himself. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287.



- 210 Indictment and Information
 - *□*210V Requisites and Sufficiency of Accusation
 - 210k117 k. Construction in General. Most Cited Cases

Indictment must be considered as a whole.



[9] KevCite Notes

- - ≈393VIII Claims Against United States
- 393k120 Making or Presentation of False Claims and Other Offenses Relating to Claims
 - \$≥393k123 k. Criminal Prosecutions. Most Cited Cases

Indictments charging defendants with violation of statute respecting making of false claims to supply agency of the United States Department of the Army contained sufficient reference to contract documents to clearly show that indictment was for making false claims for payment for what had not been delivered. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287.



[10] KeyCite Notes

- □ 393 United States
- 393k120 Making or Presentation of False Claims and Other Offenses Relating to Claims
 - 393k123 k. Criminal Prosecutions. Most Cited Cases

Evidence of defendant corporate employee's knowledge was sufficient to sustain his conviction along with corporate defendant and defendant officer for making of false claims to supply agency of the United States Department of the Army. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287.



[11] KeyCite Notes

- 110 Criminal Law
 - = 110IX Venue
 - □ 110IX(A) Place of Bringing Prosecution
 - 110k113 k. Offenses Against United States. Most Cited Cases

Colorado was proper venue of prosecution of defendant corporation and others for making of false claim to supply agency of the United States Department of the Army, where invoices or claims were prepared in Colorado and mailed to Missouri for payment. 18 U.S.C.A. ξξ 287, 3237 and subd. (a).



101 Corporations

101XI Corporate Powers and Liabilities <u>■ 101XI(G)</u> Crimes and Criminal Prosecutions □ 101k534 k. Trial. Most Cited Cases

Instruction stating that in order to find defendant corporation guilty of making of false claim to supply agency of the United States Department of the Army it was necessary to find that either individual defendants or both were quilty and that criminal acts of individual defendants were committed while they were acting as officers or employees of corporation within scope of their employment was applicable under the proof, and giving of instruction was not error. 18 U.S.C.A. § 287.



[13] KevCite Notes

- ≈393 United States
 - 393VIII Claims Against United States
- 393k120 Making or Presentation of False Claims and Other Offenses Relating to Claims
 - 393k123 k. Criminal Prosecutions. Most Cited Cases

Proof of knowledge on part of corporate president, who was owner of 50% of corporation stock and in full time active charge thereof, was sufficient to sustain his conviction along with that of corporation and defendant employee for making of false claim to supply agency of the United States Department of the Army, 18 U.S.C.A. § 287.

*437 John S. Pfeiffer and Louis G. Isaacson, Denver, Colo. (Isaacson, Rosenbaum, Goldberg & Miller, and Charles Rosenbaum, Denver, Colo., on the brief), for appellants. Arthur L. Fine, Asst. U.S. Atty. (Lawrence M. Henry, U.S. Atty., on the brief), for appellee.

Before MURRAH, Chief Judge, and BREITENSTEIN and SETH, Circuit Judges.

SETH, Circuit Judge.

The appellants were jointly charged in an eighteen count indictment for making false claims to a supply agency of the United States Department of the Army in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 287. The defendant corporation was a supplier of boneless beef to the Army, and the claims involved were for payment for meat so supplied. The defendant Landers was an officer of this corporation and defendant Bethley was an employee. Appellants were tried by a jury in a trial that lasted several weeks, were convicted on all counts, and here appeal.

The appellants' first point is that several of the Government's witnesses used written reports 'in aid of their testimony' and the court erred in refusing to strike this testimony. These witnesses were in charge of teams of inspectors who examined shipments of meat at various destinations. A certain percentage of the cases would be opened and the individual cuts were examined for grade stamps and for evidence of the removal of absence of grade stamps. The witnesses in each instance directed the work and compiled the report. They testified that they themselves found and saw substandard cuts of meat and cuts bearing no grade stamps or an indication that a stamp had been cut off. The witnesses in most instances identified photographs of such cuts.

The reports prepared by the witnesses were to their superior officers and were compilations of notations made by the team members as to the number of boxes opened, number of cuts of meat in each box, and numbers of sub-standard or nonstamped items. These reports were in the witnesses' possession at the time they testified and were not offered in evidence. The appellant urges that the witnesses used these reports for purposes beyond refreshing their recollections. The question whether the reports were

being used to refresh the witnesses' recollection or for some other purpose was carefully considered by the trial judge in each instance. For example, as to the witness Marshall, the court said: 'We want to know whether the witness is relying upon the report or upon his memory refreshed from the report * * *' The appellant conducted a voir dire in all but two instances on this point and in all instances the cross-examination was lengthy, searching, and tested this point. On direct examination the witnesses made it clear that the reports were used to refresh their recollection. In several instances the witnesses stated they could not remember the dates, the number of cuts in a box, or the number of boxes examined without reference to the report. Their memories were however clear as to sub-standard cuts found and seen by them during the inspection.

The appellants in most instances made no objection to the use by the witnesses of the reports until cross-examination and then moved to strike the testimony. These motions, with the exception of the *438 witness Tomayko, were directed to all the testimony without attempting to distinguish whether it was from recollection refreshed or whether it referred to dates and numbers. The appellants as to several of the witnesses on crossexamination asked them to examine their reports or to read from their reports as to certain matters. As to the witness Tomayko the motion to strike mentioned that the witness could not distinguish between the matters as to which his recollection was refreshed and as to others. However there was no voir dire by appellants and no objection was made during direct examination. As to this witness the appellants asked the witness specifically to 'read them off,' referring to items in the witness' report.

It was incumbent upon the trial judge to satisfy himself as to whether the witness was using the reports to refresh his recollection or not. The record shows that the trial judge carefully considered this matter, and his determination should be accepted by the appellate court under the circumstances presented here. In United States v. Riccardi, 174 F.2d 883 (3d Cir.), the court stated that the burden was on the trial judge to so satisfy himself and on these matters, in the reception of evidence much depends on the discretion of the trial judge. The distinction between past recollection recorded and present recollection refreshed or revived by a writing or some other device is well considered in the Riccardi case and also in Delaney v. United States, 77 F.2d 916 (3d Cir.), in Jewett v. United States, 15 F.2d 955 (9th Cir.), and need not be here further discussed.

The testimony of the witnesses in the record before us as to this point on direct examination and on the extensive cross-examination shows that the standards set out in the authorities have been met. The trial judge with his opportunity to observe the witnesses in their use of the reports during their testimony, and in otherwise evaluating their responses on voir dire concluded that the use was proper, and with this we agree. As to the matters of dates of inspections, numbers of cuts examined, numbers of cases and similar items, even if these are material matters and even if the witnesses did not recall these in detail the appellant cannot here object to the trial court's rulings by reason of their failure to properly object. Thus the trial court's rulings on the use of the reports were correct.

The second point urged by appellants is that the trial court erred in admitting records of a corporation which supplied meat to defendant Imperial Meat Company, and also in admitting this defendant's records. These were offered by the Government to prove that the defendant corporation had for the period in question not purchased enough choice grade meat to fulfill the Government contracts and consequently must have used some inferior grade meat. This has been described as the prosecution's 'net worth' proof, although this is not an entirely accurate description. Appellant objects mainly that all of the records of meat purchases by the defendant corporation were not offered and that the seller's records did not show grade.

These records of defendant corporation were produced pursuant to a subpoena which required production of all documents. The court refused the several initial offers of these records until a better foundation had been laid; extensive examination and reexamination of the witness were had. The trial court inquired closely as to whether all defendant's invoices were offered. A witness, an F.B.I. accountant, had examined these records at defendant's place of business before the trial and testified that not all the invoices he had previously inspected were now offered and stated which were missing. After further voir dire the invoices were admitted, and the judge remarked that the discrepancy between those previously examined by the witness and those offered '* * * doesn't appear to the court to be of such a magnitude as to effect the admissibility on that ground.' He also noted that the subpoena had required defendant to produce all these invoices. There were other*439 records of defendant's receipt of meat shipments introduced in addition to the above invoices. There was no error in admitting defendant corporation's invoices.

There was evidence introduced to show the weight of boneless beef that could be expected from a carcass of beef of certain weight; thus there was a basis to compute the yield from the carcasses purchased by defendant to see if enough choice meat was purchased during the period to fulfill the contracts.

The invoices of the supplier, Capital Meat Company, were also introduced and objected to on the ground that they did not show grades of meat. The official of this supplier was examined on voir dire out of the presence of the jury as to the meanings of notations made on these exhibits. This witness so testified that the notation 'good' did not mean beef so graded, nor did 'std' mean standard, nor did 'cutter' mean a grade, and 'util' did not mean 'utility' grade. He testified these were price codes instead. The court nevertheless admitted the exhibits, and properly so. However, the witness' explanation of the 'price code' was not thereafter developed in the presence of the jury because appellant did not cross-examine. The trial court called this situation to appellant's attention and an opportunity was given to call the witness for cross-examination, but it was not accepted. We find no error in the introduction of this supplier's invoices.

The supplier's invoices admitted constituted business records under 28 U.S.C. § 1732. They were records of an act, transaction, occurrence, or event and were admissible as evidence of sales of meat. The appellant urges that they were not a record of choice meat delivered, as the notations referred to prices instead. The invoices were records of sales of meat and were made and kept for that purpose and were admissible to show sales. What details were shown on the invoices would be subject to explanation as contemplated in 28 U.S.C. § 1732, and such course was open to appellants. About a week of the trial was devoted to the 'net worth' proof of the prosecution, and this proof was not perfect, but no reversible error is found. There was an abundance of other and independent evidence of substandard grades to support the convictions.

[6] The jury asked for and was furnished an adding machine after they retired to deliberate. Appellants cite this as error. This was, however, only a machine which accomplished the same result that the jury would have with pens and pencils which it can be safely assumed they had in their possession. This was not a device with which they could perform a test or experiment nor to create something in the nature of evidence. Taylor v. Reo Motors, Inc., 275 F.2d 699 (10th Cir.), Anno. 80 A.L.R. 108. We find no error as to this matter.

The appellants assert that defendant Landers was required to become a witness [7] against himself because a subpoena was served on him and he was required to produce corporate records. Appellants assert this is so because the court assumed that all records had been so produced in ruling on the admissibility of the corporate records of meat purchases considered above. The record does not show that the court necessarily so

assumed, and in any event there is no question of self-incrimination. Wilson v. United States, 221 U.S. 361, 31 S.Ct. 538, 55 L.Ed. 771; Curcio v. United States, 354 U.S. 118, 77 S.Ct. 1145, 1 L.Ed.2d 1225.

The indictments charged a violation of <u>Title 18 U.S.C. § 287</u>. Appellants argued below and assert here that the indictment did not state in what particular the claim was false or fraudulent. The claim presented stated that the order for subsistence was correct and just and that payment had not been received. Appellants thus contend that this certificate has nothing to do with how the order was filled. The appellants, as the trial judge stated, were charged with presenting an invoice claiming payment for a certain grade of meat when in fact meat of an inferior*440 grade had been delivered. The certificate referred to an order for subsistence bearing a certain number and when reference is made to these orders there is a clear description of grade. This result is entirely consistent with <u>Marteney v. United States</u>, 216 F.2d 760 (10th Cir.). Each indictment must be considered as a whole. There was no duplicity by the reference to the certification on the invoice. The indictments were for false claims, not for a violation of <u>18</u> U.S.C. § 1001

There was no error in the denial of appellant's motion to dismiss on the ground that there was a failure to prove the invoices false in any particular. Appellants assert again that the invoice does not represent the meat to be of any particular quality. As indicated above there is sufficient reference to the contract documents to show clearly that the indictment was for a false claim for payment for what had not been delivered. <u>Dimmick v. United States</u>, 116 F. 825 (9th Cir.).

Appellant Bethley moved for judgment of acquittal on the ground that there was [10] no proof of his knowledge that a false claim was presented. This defendant was in charge of the boning room and did not handle office matters. He had previously worked for defendant Landers, was employed by him for this position, and had been Imperial's plant superintendent since 1957. The testimony of some fifteen employees in the boning room of defendant's plant was, in effect, that Bethley would signal them orally or with hand signals when the grade stamp, other than 'choice,' was to be cut off the meat they were then processing. These witnesses who worked under Bethley's direction testified that ungraded meat was processed for the orders in question and that a cut with a 'choice' grade mark was to be kept on the tables as a 'decoy' for the Government plant inspectors. There was sufficient proof of knowledge on Bethley's part to support the trial court's denial of the motion. McCoy v. United States, 169 F.2d 776 (9th Cir.); Moses v. United States, 297 F.2d 621 (8th Cir.); McClanahan v. United States, 230 F.2d 919 (5th Cir.). Also the trial court clearly and correctly charged the jury as to this defendant's position.

Appellants raise a question of venue. The indictments charged that each offense was committed in Colorado. The invoices or claims were prepared in Colorado and mailed to Missouri for payment. The claims were later sent to files in Chicago. Appellants moved for dismissal for improper venue, urging Travis v. United States, 364 U.S. 631, 81 S.Ct. 358, 5 L.Ed.2d 340. This motion and a motion for dismissal for variance were denied. The Government urges 18 U.S.C. § 3237(a) to establish venue in Colorado. This statute relates to offenses commenced in one district and completed in another, or committed in more than one district. The reliance by appellants on the Travis case is not justified. In United States v. Gross, (2d Cir.) 276 F.2d 816 (286 F.2d 59), which is an income tax case, the court calls attention to and relies on the phrase in 18 U.S.C. § 3237, '* * * or committed in more than one district. 'Henslee v. United States, 262 F.2d 750 (5th Cir.), reaches a similar result. The trial court's denial of the motions was correct.

[12] Appellants complain of the instructions given as to what would be required to

find the corporate defendant quilty. The court charged that in order to find the corporation guilty, it was necessary to find either defendant Landers or defendant Bethley quilty, or both of them quilty; and the criminal acts of the individuals were committed while they were acting as officers, agents, or employees, within the scope of their employment. These were the only two persons concerned whose intent could make the corporation liable according to the record. This proof showed the individuals to have the intent and knowledge required and that the acts were within the scope of their employment. The acts were committed while they were corporate officers or employees. These instructions were applicable under the proof, and were not in error.

Defendant Landers owned fifty per cent of the stock of Imperial Meat *441 [13] Company, he was president of the company, and in full time active charge. He handled meat purchases, the bidding on Government contracts, and had long experience in the meat business. The company had furnished some forty-five million pounds of boneless beef to the Government from 1957 to 1960. The proof of knowledge on Landers' part meets the required standard. Dennis v. United States, 302 F.2d 5 (10th Cir.); Towbin v. United States, 93 F.2d 861 (10th Cir.). Inferences of fact have not been added one to another; instead the treatment of circumstantial evidence in Sadler v. United States, 303 F.2d 664 (10th Cir.), and in Gallegos v. United States, 237 F.2d 694 (10th Cir.), is a sufficient answer to this contention. The trial court was correct in its denial of defendant Landers' motions for acquittal, and in refusing a severance. Dennis v. United States, supra.

Appellants raise several other points on this appeal, but they require no separate discussion.

Affirmed.

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